(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what have been the trends of these over the past five years;

(c) what steps Government are contemplating to increase the production and exports of cashew;

(d) what is being done to revamp the cashew industry;

(e) whether Government have received a proposal to abolish purchase tax on raw cashew; and

(f) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Cashew nut cultivation in Andhra Pradesh

1307. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted proposals for increasing the area of cashew nut cultivation under the Multi-State Cahsew Project-II Phase for financial aid;

(b) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has also requested aid under this project for development and extension of cashew nurseries; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereon and by when the above proposals are likely to be cleared ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) The Multi-State Cashew Project was launched in 1980 for implementation in the States of Kerala, Kranataka, Andhra Pradesh and Orissa with credit closing date as September, 1985. The Project was extended twice upto 31st March, 1988 before termination. There is no proposal for the revival of the project.

Setting up of Rice Research Centre in Assam

1308. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research propose to set up a Rice Research centre in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to start functioning ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) A proposal to establish a Rice Research Centre of the Central Rice Research Institute in Assam is under consideration of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

दिल्ली में फल और सब्जियों के लिए वातानुकूलित शिक्षण केन्द्रों की स्थापना

1309. डा० जितेन्द्र कुमार जैन :
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राष्ट्रीय डेयरी विकास बोर्ड देश में राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर एक

ग्रिड स्थापित करने का विचार कर रहा है जिससे फलों और सब्जियों के मूल्यों में उतार चढ़ाव का लाभ उत्पादक को मिले और उपभोक्ता पर इसका विपरीत प्रभाव नहीं पड़े;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में योजना की विस्तृत रूपरेखा क्या है;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि राष्ट्रीय डेयरी विकास बोर्ड, दिल्ली में प्रयोग के तौर पर 200 वातानुकूलित विक्रय केन्द्र स्थापित करके इस योजना को कार्यान्वित कर रहा है ;

(घ) क्या सब्जियों और फलों को सीधे उत्पादक से खरीदने और इन विक्रय केन्द्रों के माध्यम से बेचे जाने की कोई व्यवस्था है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो खरीद मूल्य और विक्रय मूल्य में कितना अन्तर है और खरीद मूल्य की तुलना में विक्रय मूल्य में कितने प्रतिशत वृद्धि की गई है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविंद नेताम) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं होता ।

(ग) जी, हां ।

(घ) जी, हां ।

(ङ) विभिन्न मदों के अधिप्राप्ति मूल्य और बिक्री मूल्य के बीच का अन्तर अलग-अलग होता है और "लेन्डड" अधिप्राप्ति मूल्य की तुलना में इसका प्रतिशत औसतन 35 से 40 प्रतिशत के आस-पास है ।

Production and Demand of Milk and Milk Products

1310. SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRI IQBAL SINGH:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total production and demand of milk and milk products in the country at present;

(b) what would be the estimated requirement of milk and milk products by 2000 A.D.

(c) whether Government have formulated any plan for increasing the milk production; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) The anticipated total production and demand of milk during 1992-93 is estimated as 58.6 million tonnes and 70.00 million tonnes, respectively.

(b) The estimated requirement of milk by 2000 A.D. is 80.8 million tonnes.

(c) and (d) All round efforts are being made to increase milk production in the country. The strategies being pursued in this regard are as under : (1) Genetic improvement of nationally important cattle breeds by selective breeding in their home-tracts and upgrading in other selected areas; (2) Cross-breeding of non-descript cattle with exotic dairy breeds; (3) Genetic improvement of important buffalo breeds by selective breeding and upgrading of non-descript buffaloes in other areas for improvement in milk yield; (4) Development of feed and fodder resources; (5) Organisation of effective animal health services to support the production programme and (6) Implementation of Operation Flood Programme.

Production Cost of Milk

1311. SHRI SOM PAL :
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :